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# Foreword

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continued its progress in protecting public health, welfare, and the environment through the Superfund program in fiscal year 1992 (FY92). As the Superfund program reached its twelfth year, the Agency had begun work at nearly 96 percent of the 1,275 sites on the National Priorities List (NPL). (These 1,275 NPL sites include 1,150 general or non-federal sites and 125 federal facility sites.) EPA is pleased to submit this Report documenting the fiscal year's achievements.

Section 301(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, or Superfund), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, requires the Agency to report annually on response activities and accomplishments and to compare remedial and enforcement activities with those undertaken in previous fiscal years. As a result of emphasis on remedial construction, 88 NPL sites were placed in the construction completion category during the fiscal year, bringing the program total to 149 sites. The Agency also started nearly 90 remedial investigation/feasibility studies, more than 170 remedial designs (RDs), and more than 110 remedial actions (RAs) during the fiscal year.

EPA has continued its successful efforts to compel potentially responsible parties (PRPs) to clean up hazardous waste sites. PRPs began more than 70 percent of the RDs and RAs started in FY92. EPA entered into 241 enforcement agreements with a potential value of more than \$1.4 billion; this is the third consecutive year in which Superfund enforcement agreements achieved over \$1 billion in clean-up commitments. The Agency and PRPs have now started more than 3,040 removal actions, including 380 during FY92. Federal facility accomplishments have shown dramatic increases; 104 of the federal facility sites on the NPL are now covered by interagency agreements for clean-up activities. EPA also continued to encourage public involvement in the Superfund process, to enhance partnerships with states and Indian tribes, and to encourage the use and development of treatment technologies.

In addition to providing an overall perspective on progress in the past fiscal year, this Report contains the information Congress specifically requested in Section 301(h) of CERCLA, including a report on the status of remedial actions and enforcement activity in progress at the end of the fiscal year and an evaluation of newly developed feasible and achievable treatment technologies. The Report also includes a description of current minority firm participation in Superfund contracts and EPA's efforts to encourage their increased participation,

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as required by Section 105(f). The Report fulfills the requirement of Section 301(h)(1)(E) for an annual update on progress being made at sites subject to review under Section 121(c). Appendix D consists of a matrix that charts the progress of EPA and other government organizations in meeting Superfund-related statutory requirements. This Report also satisfies other reporting requirements of Section 121(c); the *EPA Annual Report to Congress: Progress Toward Implementing CERCLA at EPA Facilities as Required by CERCLA Section 120(e)(5)*. The EPA Inspector General's report on the reasonableness and accuracy of the information in this Report, as required by CERCLA Section 301(h)(2), is included as Appendix E.

Appendix G is included to give an overall summary of the Superfund Program in fiscal years 1992 through 1994.

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